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VOL. IV

THE PIERCETON ECHOES 1956

"THEY SAID IT THEN---- THEY SAY IT NOW--------
WHAT IS THIS YOUNGER GENERATION COMING TO?"

September 21 — Mr. Nelson and Mr. Rothgeb, chief cooks for the teacher's party at Columbia City, fried hamburgers in the outdoor pit while braving the rain.

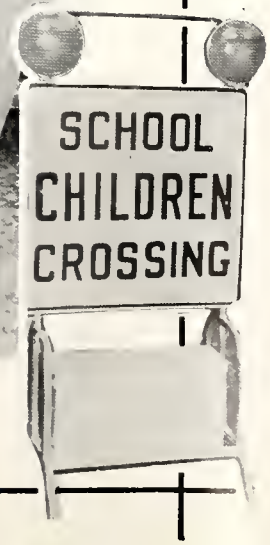
September 22 — A candle light service for the initiation of officers took place in the Home-Ec. room this year. The new FHA officers were given the "go" signal for the coming year.

September 24 — The band took part in the annual High School Band Day at Purdue. The bandsters were a hilarious bunch in the morning, but a tired group after a day of marching.

September 27 — The Florence Long FTA club installed new officers and initiated new members in a candle light ceremony. Pictured above are the 1955-56 officers with their new sponsor, Mrs. Jackson.

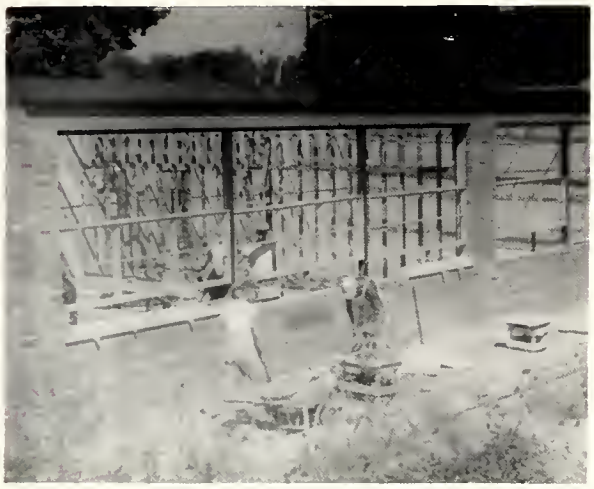
September — After three years of hard work, Pierceton walked away with the County Baseball Title, winning 11 Straight games, being the first of three county titles.

September — Dr. T. S. Schuldt, a prominent citizen, presents Mrs. Crouch with a check for the blinker lights which aid in out safety program on Road 13.



September — During the month of September, the sophomores sold magazines for two weeks. Their sales proved successful. A party was held for the winning team, given by the unfortunate losers.

September — Construction is steadily progressing as the new addition to the school takes form.



Class parties seemed to be the popular thing during the month of October. With the exception of the Seniors, who were busily preparing their class play, all the classes had parties.

October 6 — A baseball assembly was held on October 6 for the presentation of the trophy. Mr. Abbs, Etna Principal presented the trophy to Tim Derf and he in turn presented it to Mr. Stouffer to be placed in the trophy case.

October 7 — Sandra Brubaker, Barbara Drudge and Norman Spangle were elected in the Varsity cheerleader tryouts. Bobbie Jo Leifer, Barbara Slusher and Phyllis Williamson were chosen as B-team cheerleaders.

October 15 — The Tomato Carnival, a project of the PTA, was held in the school gym. Miss Cynthia Wilson, a sophomore, and Tim Derf, a senior, were crowned Queen and King of the occasion.

Being a sophomore, ordering your rings is indeed a big moment. A bigger thrill is receiving your rings when you become a junior.

October — The boys of PHS began their workouts for the basketball season. This was a busy month for Coach Niles and the boys who were successful in making the varsity and B teams.

October 19 — The all-school party and initiation of freshman was held in the gym. Now, all the lowly freshman are officially accepted by the mighty Seniors.

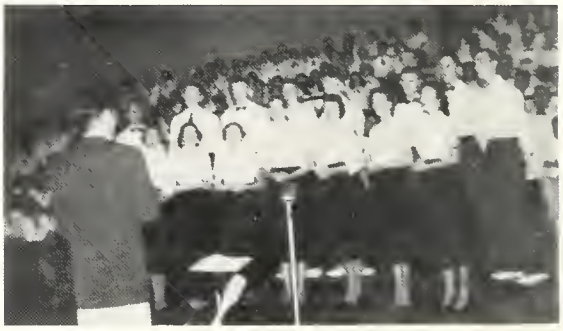
October 25 — Carol Snyder's home was the stage for the weiner roast of the FTA. The hot dogs, potato chips, and roasted marshmallows hilighted this get-together.

October 26-27 — The underclassmen pictures were taken on the 26th by Cron Studios, while the Senior pictures were taken by Robert's Studio on the 27th.

November 3 — The FHA staged an impressive banquet for their mothers. Carolyn Phillips, a Warsaw exchange student, told of her summer adventures in Germany.

November 4 — Things started off with a "bang" for the band and chorus as their new director, Mr. Ed Freeland directed them in their fall concert.

November 13 — Fourteen high school choirs participated in the Kosciusko County Choral Festival, under the direction of Dwight Weldy, at the Mentone High School. The Madrigal from PHS, pictured here, presented "Showboat Medley" as our special number.



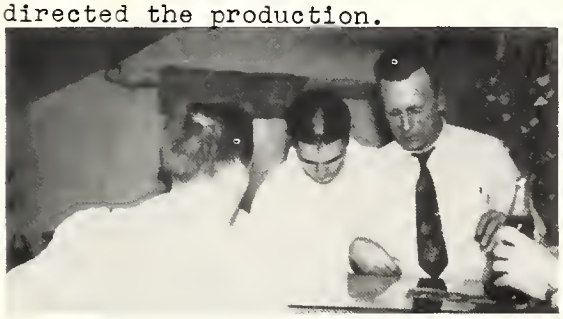
November 14 — The PTA entertained both parents and teachers with open house, an appropiate start for the coming year.

November 29 -- The highlight of the November meeting of the FTA was a program presented by Miss Carolyn Phillips, an exchange student from Warsaw. She showed colored slides of her summer of travel in Europe. The home of Uldis Smidchens was a very appropiate setting for this meeting.

November 17-18 — Lots of work was put into "Mother Is a Freshman" by the senior class. Denyse Bolt and Anita Outcelt played the leading roles as mother and daughter. Mrs. Elliot Kaye-Smith was the director.

December 9 — Eight of the Seniors took part in the State Scholarship tests. The scores were returned to the participates in February and the awards will not be stated until early summer.

December 13 — Santa's beard was removed by the grade students in "His Name Was Santa". Mrs. Warner directed the production.



December — The Juniors are busy in their concession stand selling pop, candy, and pop corn. Mr. Mowrey, their sponsor is always a helper at ballgame time.

December 15 — After a night of caroling, the FHA exchanged gifts at Cynthia Wilson's home. A good time was had by all.

December 21 — Queen Julia reigned at the Christmas dance given by the Pep-Hop Society. The students danced to the music of Eddie Freeland and his Sextet.

December 22 — The doors were shut as everyone left to enjoy a holiday vacation.

December 28 — The Cubs win again! Another trophy was added by virtue of winning the 4-way tourney at Manchester.

January 12 — Pierceton wins the County Tourney! By virtue of defeating Webster, Leesburg, and Mentone, P.H.S. became the 1956 County Champs. The traditional victory bonfire welcomed the boys home.

January 18 — The driver's club met to discuss the many problems facing our drivers of today.

January 23 — Everyone wore a smile and "watched the birdie" as the annual pictures were taken. Mr. Bremmerkamp, Robert's Studio, is shown below conferring with the staff.

January 24 — The whole student body was entertained by the Cole-Marionettes. They dramatized "The Pied-Piper of Hamlet", a delightful story.

January 24 — The FTA members, meeting at the home of Norman Spangle, were informed about I.U. by LeRoy Hull.

February 3 — The third grade students all over the county had an exciting day at the Shrine Circus, sponsored by the Koscuisko County Shrine Club.

February 3 — After the game between Sidney and Pierceton, the Seniors added to their finances by sponsoring a bingo game and a cake walk.

February 6 — The annual basketball fish fry was held at Leesburg this year, sponsored by the Principals' Association. Rev. McCance was the speaker for the evening.

February 10 — Following the game between Pierceton and Webster, the FHA sponsored a dance held in the gym.

February 24 — The final game of the Sectional Tourney, which was held at Syracuse this year, resulted in Warsaw being victorious, but the Cubs will be really "scrapping" next year.

February 28 — Pat Walsh served as the hostess for the FTA. Pat entertained by showing colored slides of the family's western trip.

March — The Juniors were hard at work preparing DON'T TAKE MY PENNY for presentation.

March 6 — The teacher's of Koscuisko county enjoyed a tasty meal of fish and chicken at the annual teacher's fish fry held at Syracuse. Jack's Xylophone Band provided the entertainment.

March 23 — Eleven students participated in the County Speech Festival.

March 27 — Jim Warner served as host to the FTA'ers. Earl Craven from Taylor University enlightened the members on campus life at Taylor.

April 7 — A high excellent rating was awarded the band at state contest. This is the first year that the band has ever advanced as far as the state contest. Shown below is the high school mixed chorus which received a good rating at district contest.

April 9 — The kindergarten, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Book, furnished the entertainment for the PTA meeting.

April 12-13 — The juniors presented DON'T TAKE MY PENNY, a rollicking comedy starring 17 members of the class.

April 19 — A progressive supper was enjoyed by the members of the FHA.

April 20 — 500 band students took part in the county band festival. A practice session was held in the afternoon and the concert that evening.

April 21 — A penny supper, sponsored by the Band Boosters was held in order to raise money for the new choir robes. The musical department provided the entertainment for the evening.

April 24 — George Salen, representing Purdue, served as speaker for the FTA meeting held at the home of Judy Stouffer.

May 4 — Pierceton captured the track championship for the third time, as they scored a total of 67 points in the County Track Meet. Syracuse was the closest contender with 43 points.

May 9 — A banquet was held in honor of the athletes, with the coach of Manchester College as the speaker for the evening.

May 9 — The annual dress review by the home ec. girls from grades 7 through 12 was held in the gym in the afternoon.

May 11 — Once more Pierceton is victorious, as they chalk up 26 points in the Sectional Track Meet, despite the hazardous weather conditions. Tim Derf set a new regional half-mile record. Bert Gebert, another standout tied the regional record in the 100 yard dash.

May 10 — The band and choir joined forces in presenting the spring music festival. New choir robes, entertaining music, and the presentation of awards made the evening a success. Pat Walsh and Sue Henderson received the Arion awards, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Snyder in chorus and band, respectively.

May 13-18 — The Seniors had many memorable experiences as they toured the many points of interest in and around Washington D.C. and New York.

Passing the time away on the train....

The Capitol Building

The Lincoln Memorial

Washington Monument

Iwo Jima

May 20 — Baccalaureate was held in the Methodist church for the graduates of Pierceton. Rev. Meima delivered the message.

May 22 — An all school awards day program was presented before the studentbody the last day of school. Pat Walsh is pictured here as she reads the last will and testament of the class of '56.

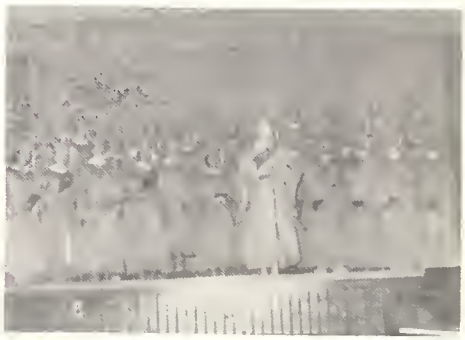
May 24 — Diplomas were awarded to 38 members of the graduating class under the direction of Miss Yontz, their sponsor. The program was presented with the living constitution as the theme.

Rex receives his diploma....

Sue receives the Valedictorian award...

The quartette sings "My God And I"....

Tom Kilgore delivers his speech....



The farewell closes this graduation....

May 25 — The new Pierceton graduates were guests of the Pierceton Alumni Association. R. Nelson Snider, principal at South Side, was the featured speaker.

FACULTY & STAFF

.....those who have helped us
to find and enjoy the opportunities
made possible at Pierceton High School
We thank you for your help and guidance
and, most of all,
your faith and confidence in the better things
this younger generation is coming to.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As we approach the end of another school year our attention naturally turns to thoughts of congratulations to the seniors for having successfully completed their school experiences. We wish them happiness and all success in their future endeavors.

The past year has been a memorable one. Under the leadership and fine judgement of the school board two fine additions to our building have been erected, one an elementary wing, one a shop building.

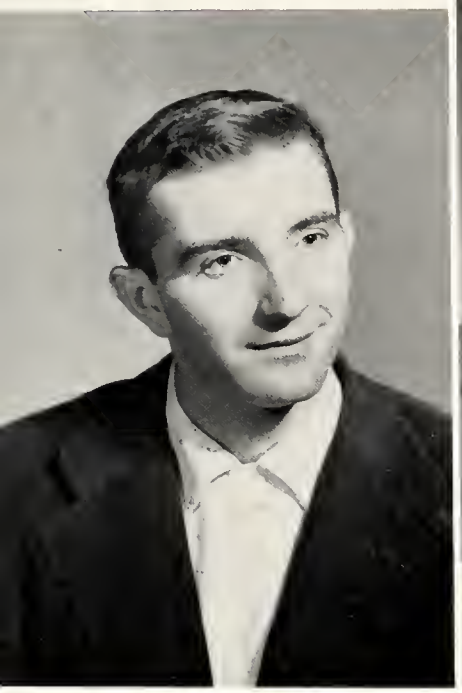
The various departments of our school have been very active and have accomplished much in their fields. The music department, the athletic department, the mathematics department, the vocational departments and all various clubs and organizations have turned in some fine efforts and attained notable achievements.

All this could not have been accomplished without the cooperation of the school board, parents, community, faculty and students; so may I offer my thanks to all those people who have helped to make this a successful year.

Howard Stouffer

MR. HOWARD STOUFFER, PRIN.
Hanover College
Manchester College, A.B.
Indiana University, M.S.

Algebra



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Business Ed., Mathematics,
Physical Education

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Taylor University, B.A.

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Purdue University, B.S.

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Health, Chemistry

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Education

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Ball State
Columbia University

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Jordan College of Music,
B.M.M.E.

Band, Chorus, General Music

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Arkansas State Teacher's College, B.S.E.

Literature, Speech

MR. BILL SCHULDT
Indiana University, B.S.

6th grade

MRS. ESTHER ENGLISH
Indiana University
A.B., M.S.

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MISS JOSEPHINE HELEN DOHNER
Terre Haute
Ball State
John Heron Art School
Manchester, B.S.

5th grade

MISS MARY BRYANT
Manchester, B.S.

4th grade

MRS. MILDRED MARRS
Toledo University
Manchester, B.S.

3rd and 4th grade

MRS. MARTHA E. GIBSON
Ball State, B.S.

3rd grade

MRS. HOPE WALDECK
Manchester, B.S.

2nd grade

MRS. KATHERINE MAUZY
Ashland College, B.S.

1sth and 2nd grade

MRS. LORRAINE HOPE WALSH
Manchester, B.S.

1st grade

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Florence Shenefield, Alta Baker,

Gladys Gebert, Betty Walgamuth

Jim Gillespie, Lee Nichols

GRADUATES

.....those of us
who will soon be leaving Pierceton High School
to enter the outside thrdes;
to prove the excellence of our
fine schools and careful training;
to show all skeptics the better things
this younger generation is coming to.

Maud Yontz, sponsor
Pat Walsh, secretary
Jim Watters, vice-president
Bert Gebert, president
Sue Henderson, treasurer
Howard Stouffer, sponsor

SENIOR HI-LITES

October 19 was a real day for the seniors! The freshmen bowed to every wish and command as part of their initiation in becoming a real member of PHS. This picture shows Paul Smith having the time of his life doing a bit of slapstick comedy—pie face style.

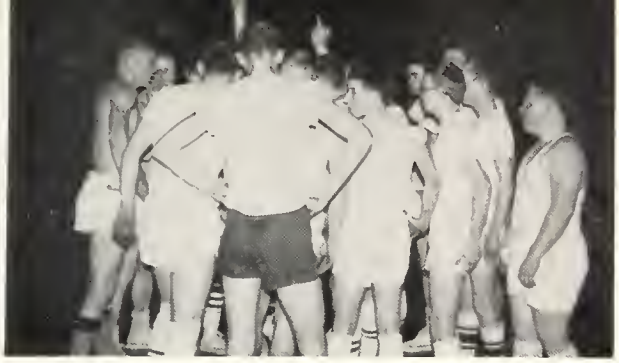
A money raising project was the event of February 3. After the Sidney ballgame, the seniors staged a cake walk and bingo game.

The senior pictures were taken by Robert's Studio. The class voted to have a colored composite for the hall. Name cards and commencement invitations were also selected at about this same time.

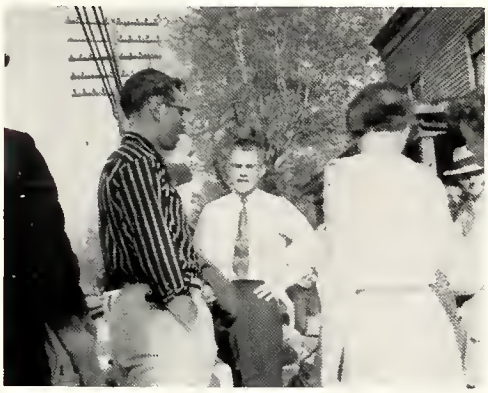
For the seniors, the second semester was more memorable than the first; however, there were activities such as the senior play, class pictures, name cards, and commencement invitations, which highlighted the first semester.

"Mother Is A Freshman" was the play selected by the class. Tryouts were held shortly afterwards and after the parts were cast and the list posted, practice began the following week.

Those cast for the leads were:
Abigail Fortitude....Denyse Bolt
Susan,her daughter.Anita Outcelt
Professor Michaels...Larry Leedy
Bobo Jackson.....Tom Kilgore
Dean Gillingham..Uldis Smidchens



One of the big moments of the year is the challenge seniors issue to the underclassmen for a ballgame. This year was no exception. March 11 the seniors narrowly missed winning this game by a margin of two points. The girls didn't have quite that much luck in their volleyball game with the underclassmen girls. Win or lose, what could be more fun than the senior-underclassmen game?



All the seniors, with their parents, relatives, and friends anxiously awaited the train at the War saw depot, May 13. This was the be ginning of the Boersma tour, which the class selected.

Highlighting the trip were the White House, National Art Gallery, Lincoln Memorial, Washington's Monument, Empire State Building, a night club, The Village Barn, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, subway rides, boat tour of Manhattan Island,United Nations Building, Radio City Music Hall, and the train ride home. Truly the senior trip will be an experience long remembered by all the seniors.

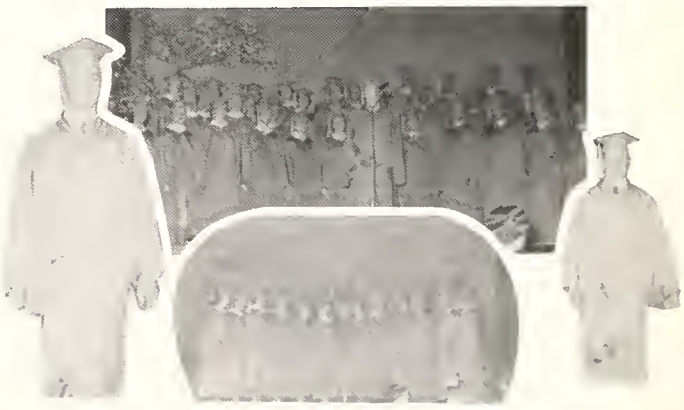
Baccalaureate service was conducted May 20 at the Methodist Church. The invocation was given by Rev. McClarnon. The senior sextette sang "Invocation". The high school choir sang "Lord,To Thee Our Hearts Are Raised". The address was given by The Rev. H.V. Meima. The high school choir then sang "Great Is The Lord", after which the mixed quartette from the senior class sang "Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind". Rev. John Snyder pronounced the benediction.

Commencement exercises were held Thursday,May 24 at the high school. The audience remained standing for the senior processional and the invocation given by Jim Watters. The theme of the program was based on the preamble to the constitution. The top ten, scholastically, gave the speeches for the Living Constitution.

Recognitions and awards were made by Mr. Stouffer. Miss Yontz, the class sponsor presented the class as candidates for graduation. Diplomas were then awarded the thirty-eight seniors.

The seniors fulfilled a tradition by singing the "Halls of Ivy".

The benediction, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by the senior chorus. With the closing of the curtains, the juniors lighted their candles and proceeded to form on each side of the aisle. One by one, the graduates with diploma in one hand, and candle in the other, walked down the aisle.



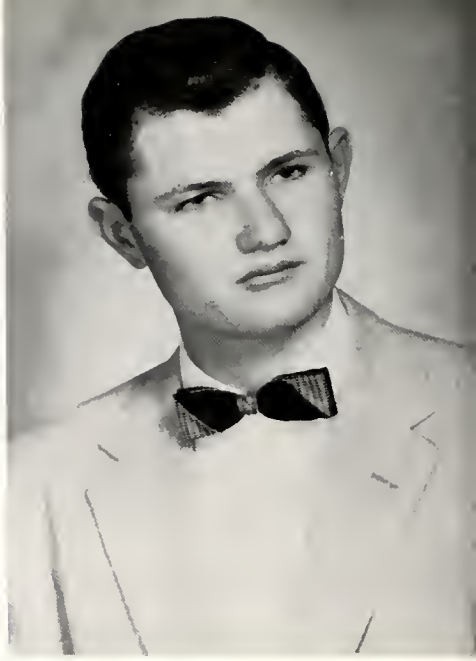
The alumni banquet was held May 25 at the high school gym. The welcome was given by the president of the alumni, Ralph Bailey.

Principal Howard Stouffer introduced the class to the alumni members. The response was made by the class president, Bert Gebert.

The speaker for the evening was R. Nelson Snider. This was the official close of the schooling for the class of 1956.

DENYSE M. BOLT

Band 2
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Madrigal Group 3,4
GAA 1,2,3
ECHOES 4
  Copy Editor 4
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4



DOROTHY BOWMAN

Choir 1,2,3,4
  Officer 4
  Madrigal Group 3,4
CREATURES OF IMPULSE 1
GAA 1,2,3
Snapshoters 3,4
  President 3,4
STUDENT 1
ECHOES 3,4
  Art Editor 4
Student Council 1
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3

LARRY COLE

FTA 3,4
FFA 1
Snapshoters 3,4
STUDENT 1,2
Student Council 3,4
Hoosier Boys' State 3
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3

DON L. CLEVENGER

Newspaper Staff 1,2

VERA COLE

Cheerleader 1
GAA 1,2,3
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

JIM L. CROUCH

Boys' Chorus

BARBARA JEAN DRUDGE

Majorette 2,3,4
Cheerleader 1,2,3,4
GAA 1,2,3
ECHOES 2,3,4
  Subscription Manager 3,4
STUDENT 3

CHARLES FOX

Beaver Dam 1,2,3
Band 1,2,3
  Pep Band 2,3
Choir 1,2,3
Entered Pierceton 3
Choir 4
FFA 4

TIM E. DERF

Choir 1,3,4
Baseball 1,2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
FFA 1,3,4
  Officer 4

SUSIE GALBREATH

Choir 1
Snapshoters 3,4
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

BERTIS W. GEBERT

Boys'Chorus
  Officer 3
Baseball 2,3,4
Basketball 3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
STUDENT 1,2,3,4
  Sports Editor 4
ECHOES 2,3,4
  Sports Editor 4
Student Council 4
  President 4
Class Officer 1,2,3,4
Hoosier Boys' State
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

ROSALIE HARTMAN

Band 1,2,3,4
  Pep Band 3,4
Choir 3,4
  Officer 4
GAA 3
PHLC 2,3
  Officer 3
Snapshoters 3
Queen Attendant 2,4
Basketball Queen 3
Miss Ridinger Lake 3

RUTHENE HOWARD

GAA 1,2,3
FHA 1,2
  Officer 2
PHLC 1,2,3,4
  President 2,4
Student Council 1
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

SUE HENDERSON

Band 1,2,3,4
  President 2
  Officer 4
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Madrigal Group 3,4
Cheerleader 2
FTA 2,3,4
  President 4
  Officer 3
ECHOES 2,3,4
  Editor 4
STUDENT 1
Student Council 1
Class Officer 2,3,4
Hoosier Girls State 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3

JEANETTE KEPLINGER

Choir 1
  Girls' Chorus 1
Asst. Mgr. of Jr-Hi
  Phys. Ed. 4

TOM KILGORE

Band 1,2,3,4
  Student Director 4
  Officer 4
  Pep Band 3,4
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Madrigal Group 3,4
Baseball 3,4
Freshman Student Manager 4
Radio Club 1
Student Council 1
STUDENT 1
THE LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

LARRY LEE LEEDY

FTA 3,4
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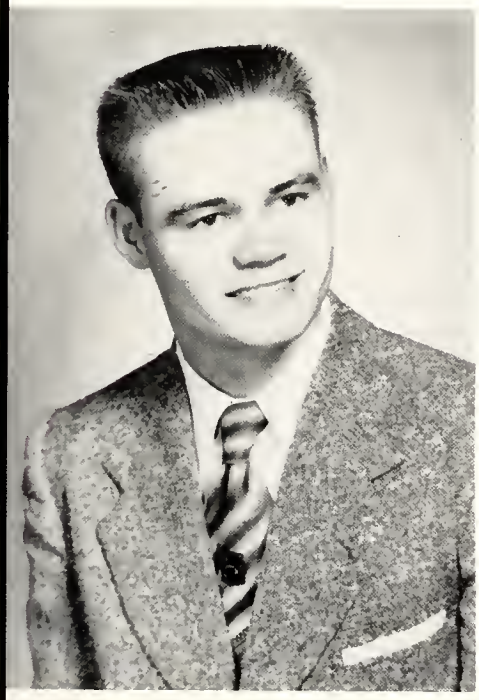
CARL MORRISON



CECIL EARL KISSINGER

Basketball 3
Track 1,2,3,4
Class Officer 2

CONNIE LOU MORRISON

GAA 1,2,3
Asst. Mgr. of Jr-Hi
  Phys. Ed. 4

REX D. MORT

Basketball 2,3,4
Track 4
FFA 1,2,3,4
  Officer 4

ANITA JUNE OUTCELT

Band 1,2,3,4
Choir 1,2,4
  President 4
CREATURES OF IMPULSE 1
STUDENT 4
ECHOES 3,4
  Business Mgr. 4
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

ELAINE ROBERTS

Girls' Chorus 3
Choir 1,2
PHLC 2,3,4
Snapshoters 3,4
STUDENT 1,2,3

THEODORE PRESCOTT

FFA 3,4

DONAVON SELLERS

Boys' Chorus 3
Class Officer 1

MARILYN FAYE SLAYMAKER

Band 3,4
  Pep Band 4
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Officer 4
Basketball Queen Attendant 1
Radio Club 1
GAA 1,2,3,4
  Officer 2,4
STUDENT 4
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

JACK E. SELLERS

Boy's Chorus 3
Basketball 3,4
Track 1,2,4
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  President 4

ULDIS SMIDCHENS

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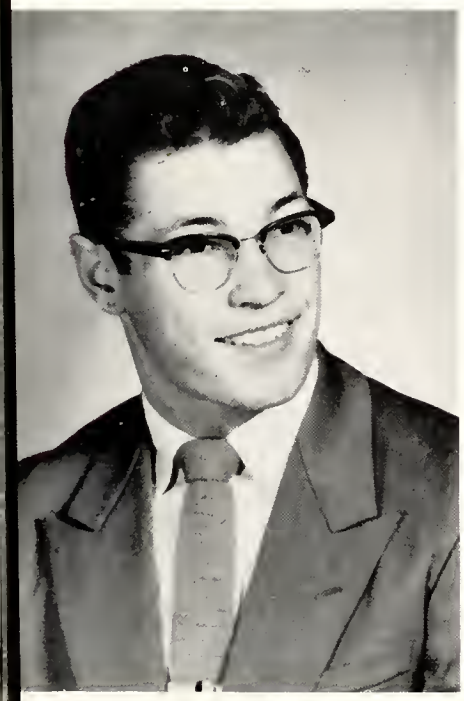

JAMES RICHARD SLUSHER

Choir 1,2,3,4
Baseball 2,3,4
Basketball 1,2,3,4
Track 1,2,3,4

PAUL H. SMITH

Choir 1,2,3,4
  Officer 3
  Madrigal Group 3,4
CREATURES OF IMPULSE 1
Baseball 4
Basketball Student Manager 4
Radio Club 1
ECHOES 1,3,4
  Art Editor 4
STUDENT 1,2,3,4
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  Officer 2
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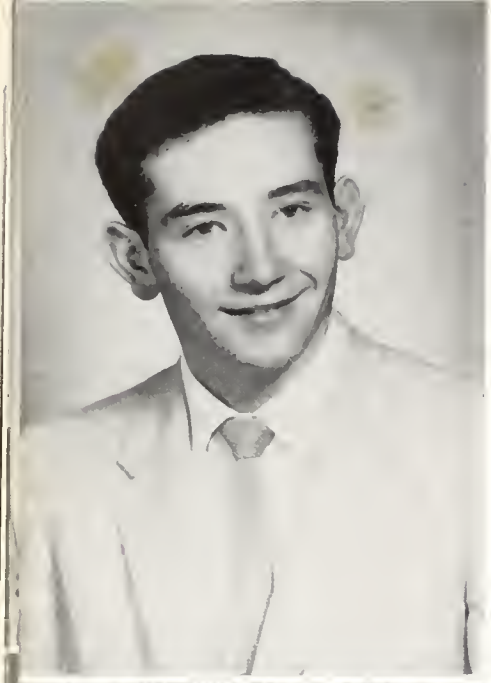

NORMAN J. SPANGLE

Cheerleader 3,4
Snapshoters 4
FFA 1,4
FTA 4
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

DARLENE STAHL

PHLC 1,2,3,4
  Officer 4
FHA 12
GAA 1,2,3

PATRICIA C. WALSH

Band 1,2,3,4
  Officer 3,4
  Pep Band 3,4
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Madrigal Group 3,4
  Girls' Chorus Accompanist 3
FTA 2,3,4
  Officer 2,3,4
ECHOES 3,4
  Society Editor 4
Class Officer 3,4
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MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

DWIGHT D. WALGAMUTH

Band 1,2,3,4
  President 4
  Pep Band 3,4
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Student Director 4
  Boys' Chorus 3
Baseball 4
Track 4
FFA 1,2

PEARL CATHERINE WIDMAN

Band 1,2,3,4
  Officer 2,3
  Pep Band
Choir 1,2,3,4
  Officer 3
  Madrigal Group 3,4
FTA 3,4
Snapshoters 3,4
  Photograph Editor 3,4
LITTLE DOG LAUGHED 3

JIM WATTERS

Baseball 1,2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Track 2,3,4
Class Officer 3,4

RICHARD LEE WILLIAMSON

Basketball 4
Track 2,3,4
FFA 1,2,3,4
  Officer 3,4

ROZELLA WINCE

PHLC 1,2
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN 4

UNDERGRADUATES

.....THOSE OF US
WHO STILL HAVE A FEW PRECIOUS YEARS
AT PIERCETON HIGH SCHOOL.
PAY HEED TO THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR
FINE SCHOOLS AND CAREFUL TRAINING
SO THAT YOU MAY LATER JOIN THE GRADUATES
IN SHOWING ALL SKEPTICS THE BETTER THINGS
THIS YOUNGER GENERATION **IS** COMING TO.

...JUNIORS

Sandra Brubaker, secretary
Ken Fawley, vice-president
John Mowrey, sponsor
David Walsh, president
Thelma Conley, treasurer

HI-LITES

Shortly after school commenced, the juniors were in a hum of excitement, as the junior class rings had arrived. In appearance, they are gold plated, featuring a concave top with a crest sporting the letter P mounted on a diagonal gold stripe in the concave insert. The class numerals, 1957, are mounted on a black background along the ring's side.

In connection with the election of officers, Rex Rhinehart and Judy Stouffer were selected as student council representatives. Mr. Mowrey assumed his post as sponsor.

The Junior sales room is the main source of income for the juniors. Here the juniors' fund grows to provide for a senior class trip. All juniors participated in this project selling refreshments at the basketball games, lunch hours, and other school activities.

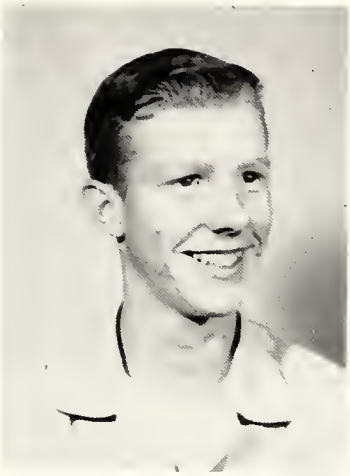
The juniors experienced their hayride, Friday, September 30. Hay-filled wagons carried them to Collamer Dam for an evening of recreation and sack lunches. Before returning home, they attended a movie in South Whitley.

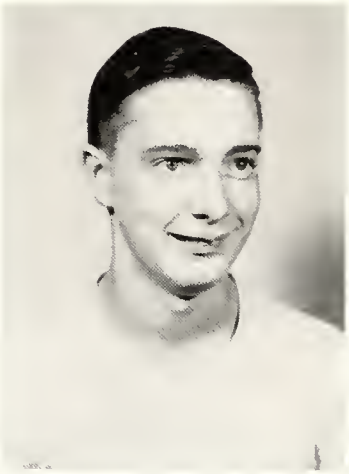
The Christmas card campaign, an annual junior project, headed by team captains, Kenny Fawley, and Phil Mc Farren, was launched early in November. The sales total was high and gave the junior treasury a considerable boost.

Queen Julia Ratliff reigned triumphantly as basketball queen of the 1956-57 basketball season in the colorful half-time spectacle at the December 19th game with Mentone.

"Don't Take My Penny" was the comedy chosen by the class as their first play, which was directed by Mrs. Arlene Jackson. Nine girls and eight boys were featured in the cast for the presentation of the play on April 12th and 13th.

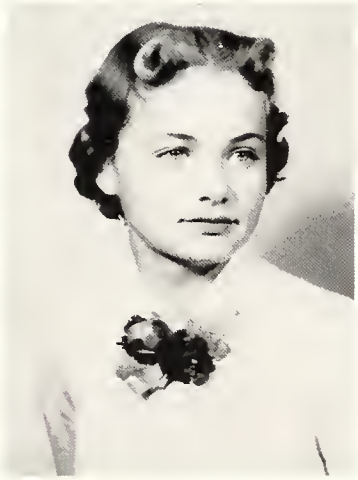
Jerry Anders
Clara Baker





Bill Barnhart
Carl Bowser

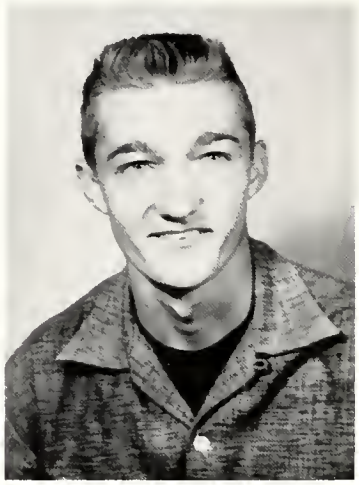
Sandra Brubaker
Julia Camden

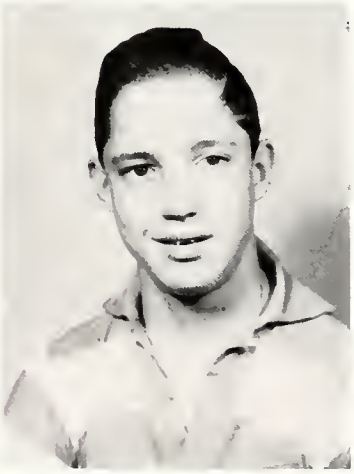


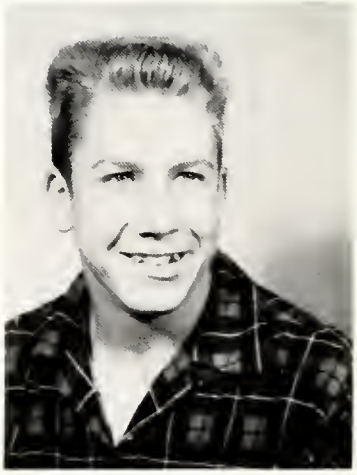
Calvin Carlin
Thelma Conley

Don Drudge
Joy Fawley

Kenny Fawley
Dorothy Fox



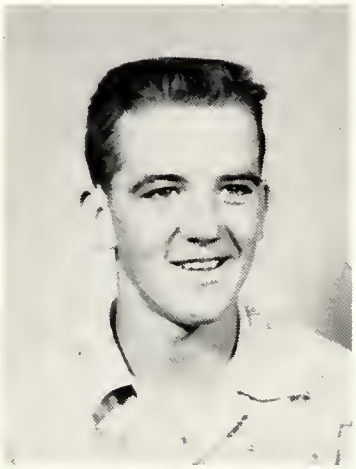


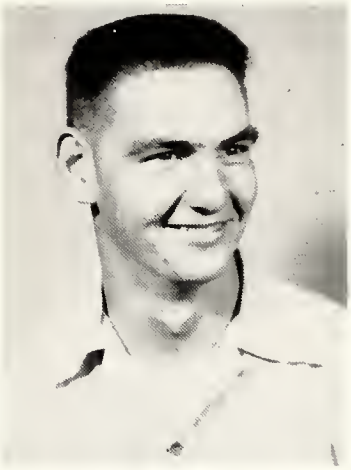


Denton Habegger
Jim Hackbirth

Estil Kissinger
Marva Knoop

Luther Manuel
Phil McFarren





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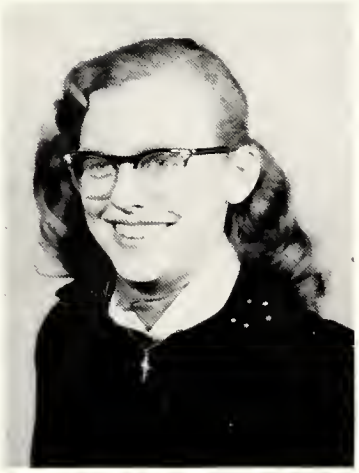
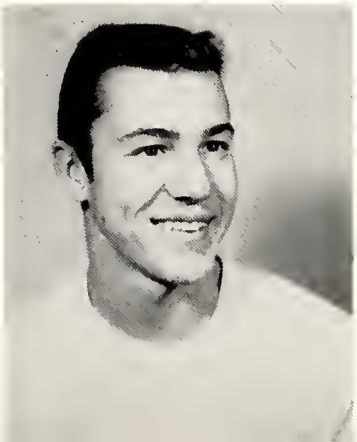
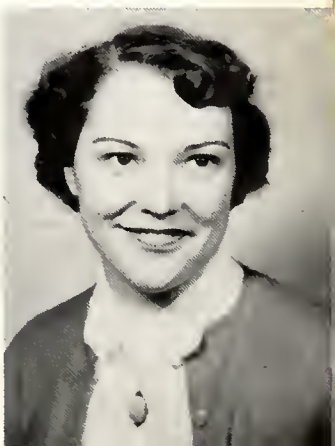
Bill O'Dell



Marion Phillips
Julia Ratliff

Rex Rhinehart
Sandra Salman





Rachael Shenefield
John Slusher

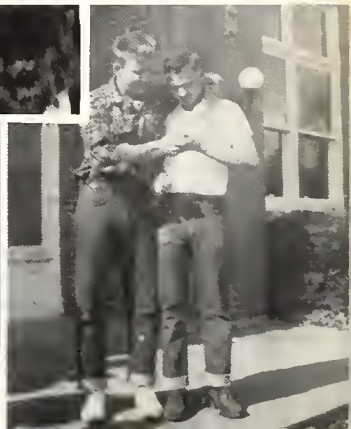
Janet Smith
Carol Snyder

Judy Stouffer
Charlotte Steiner

Bob Tenney
Ina Van Dine

Dave Walsh
Jim Warner

Marilyn Werstler
Dave Zimmerman



...SOPHOMORES

Max Jones, vice-president
Brent Widman, president
Danny Christoffel, sec.-treas.
Dick Reed, sponsor

HI-LITES

"Do you have your magazines?" "Has anybody asked you to buy magazines?" "We have Life, Look, and here's our special." All these and many others were familiar statements proclaimed by the Sophmores during two weeks of September. During this time they had the annual magazines sales, which made quite a nice buldge in their treasury.

Next on the agenda for the sophmores was their class party of November 28. An evening of games and refreshments were enjoyed by all members and sponsor Dick Reed.

The biggest and most important event of the year was when the long awaited day finally arrived and they selected class rings. The class of "58" chose a concave style with a P on top and numerals on either side.

Rosalie Barnhart
Roland Bowman
Alice Buntain

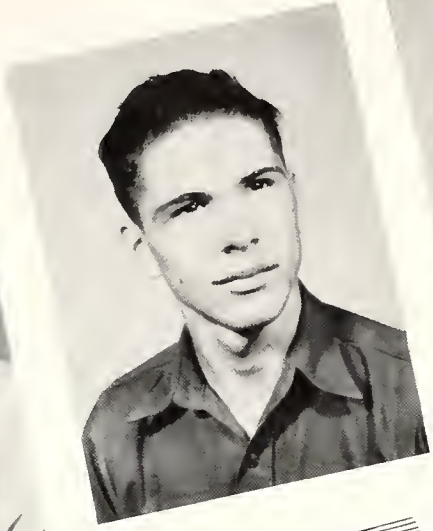
Marlene Bennett

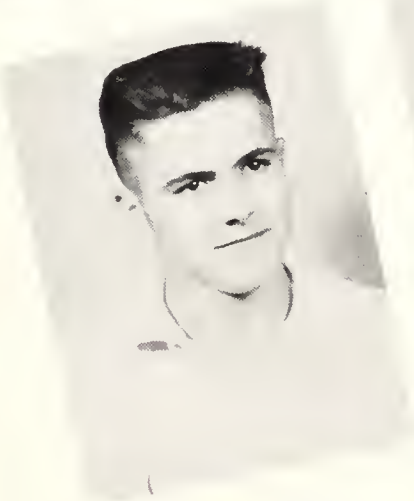
Donuld Boggs
Judith Brygider
James Busz

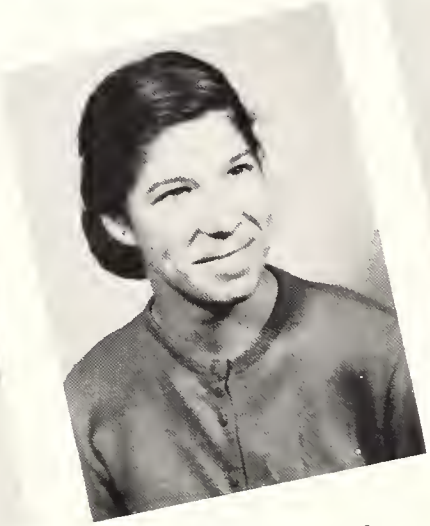
Daniel Christoffel
K. Rojean Haas
Jack Horn

Richard Cole
Anna Jefferson

Bill Conrad
Normalee Henderson
Max Jones







Sandra Kain
Roger Leedy
Arden Leiter

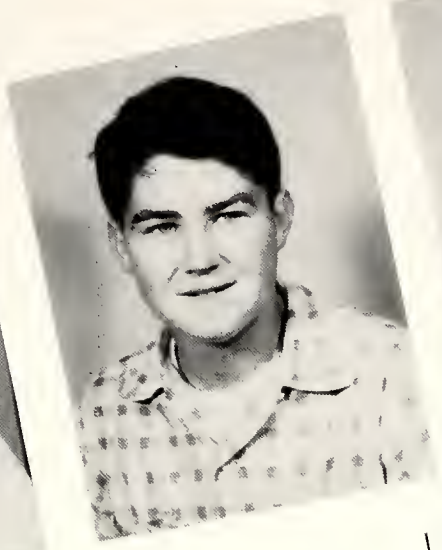
Densel Keener
Phyllis Mahoney

Judy Lee
Leah Kay Leifer
Martin Parker

William Parker
Patty Russell
Rex Slusher

Allen Regenos
Joan Smith

Richard Rosbrugh
Devon Sellers
Beverly Spangle



Charlene Tenny
Brent Widman
Cynthia Wilson

Lawrence Walls

Jack Warner
Phyllis Williamson
Lewis Wilson

...FRESHMEN

Dick Rothgeb, sponsor
Lynn Pletcher, vice-president
Jim Werstler, president
Bobbie Jo Leifer, sec.-treas.

HI-LITES

October 19 was the fatal day for the freshmen. During the course of this day and evening the freshmen were initiated by the seniors. That night was the all-school party at which the boys were required to walk through ice and the girls jello. The senior boys delighted themselves by smearing the faces of the freshmen boys with pie. On the following day, the boys had to wear their shirts backward and the girls wore their blouses backward and their hair pinned up to school. Thus were the freshmen dully initiated.

The freshmen this year held two class parties, one on October 7 and the other on May 2. At both of these, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

This year for their basketball queen attendant, the freshmen chose Bobbie Jo Leifer to represent them at the annual crowning of the basketball queen.

Thus ended another year for the class of "59".

Patricia Albert

Velma Albertson

Donald Arms

James Baublit

Cora Sue Bays

Janice Blanchard

Glen Blanchard

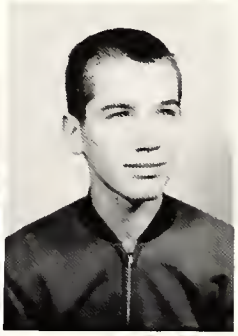
Patricia Camden

Jan Carter

Terry Cole

David Conley

Caroline Conrad


Max Elder

Devon Faulkner

Diane Gebert

Paula Casner

Malveen Hill

Junior Howard

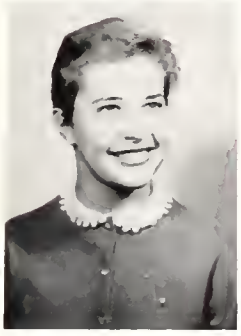
William Kain

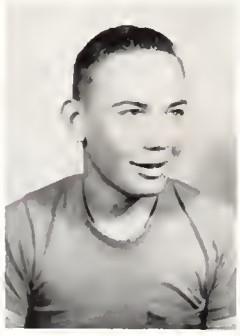
Richard Kenney

Susie Keplinger

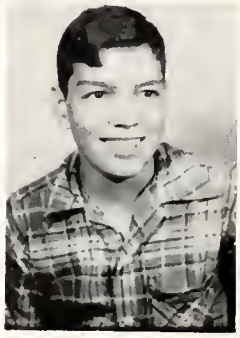
Mary Kilgore

Eddie Lee


Bobbie Jo Leifer

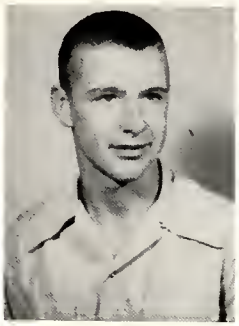

Ted Long

Virginia Manuel


Rex Mast

John McFarren

Lynn Pletcher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Beth Rider

Evelyn Roberts

Betty Rutherford

Asenath Shepherd

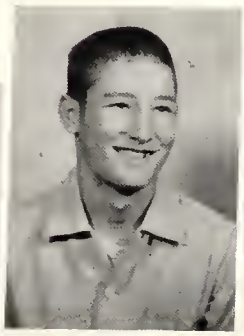
Barbara Slusher

Judy Snyder

Max Spann

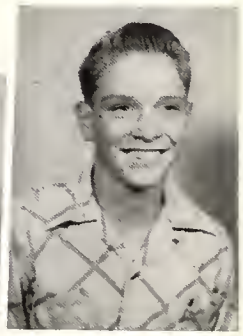
Wendell Walls

Cinda Webster


Jimmy T. Werstler

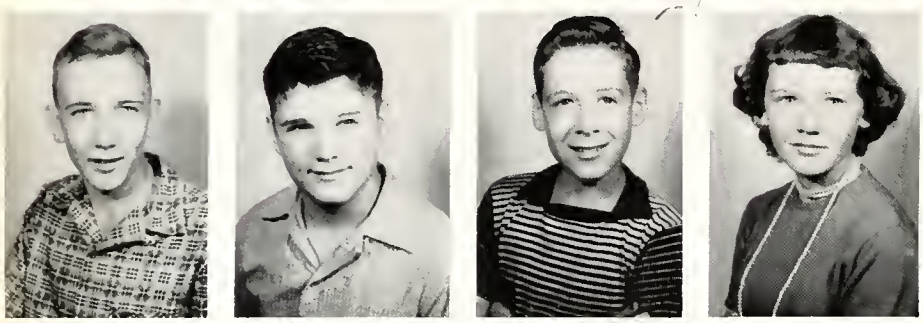
Rebecca White

Gloria Wine


Theodore Zorn

...EIGHTH GRADE

Callie Akers
George Alexander
Anita Anders
Brenda Arms



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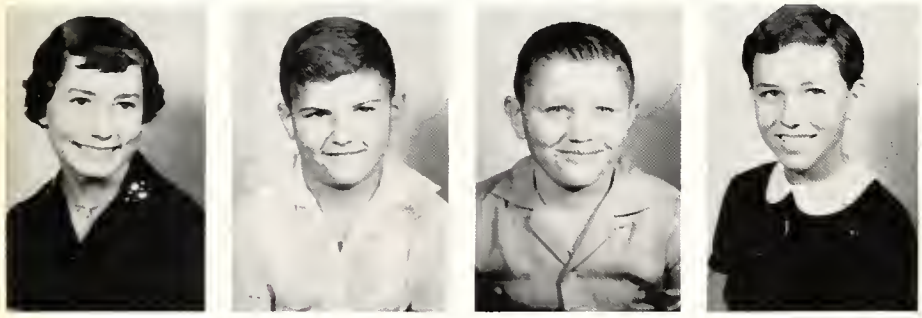
Linden Boggs
Linda Burnsworth



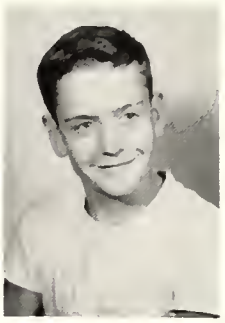
Linda Caudill
Rex Cole
Robert Cole
Judy Crouch

Patsy Custer
Janet Danner
Sandra Drudge
Carol Elder

Elmer Foster
Marvin Galbreath
Diana Gates
Janet Glass

Nancy Harris
Jeanette Homan
Larry Hossler
Cecil Hutchison

Mary Lou Jones
David Leedy
Claude Manuel
Norma Miller



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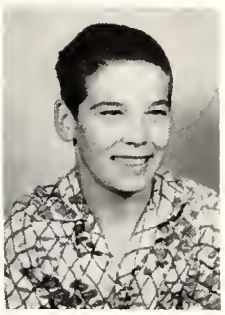
Carman Parker
Wayne Phillips
Barbara Plew



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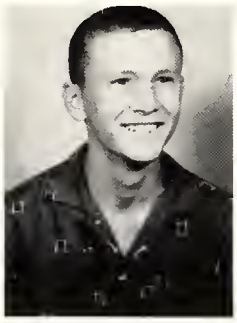

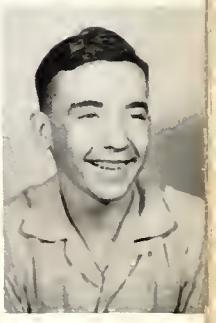

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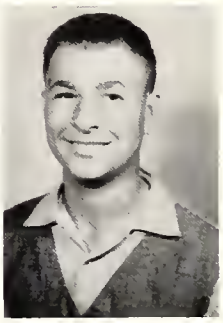
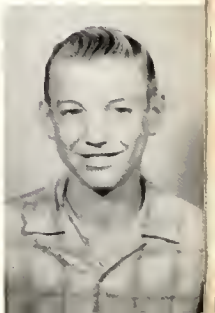
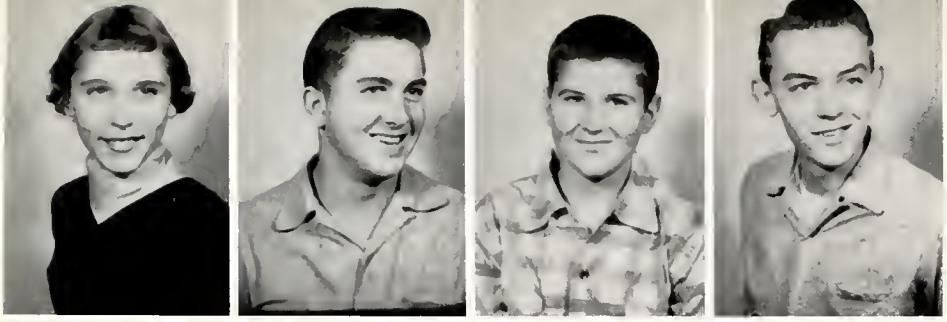
Jerry Stahl
Linda Steffen



Harriet Steiner
Johnny Stouffer
Bob Stump
Frank Tackett





Jane Tenney
Danny Walls
Douglas Walls
Larry Walls

Rex Warner
Joan Whitehead
Hilda Wince
Maurice Wise

...SEVENTH GRADE

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Roger Albertson
Diane Alexander
Allen Anders
Carol Atchison

Larry Banning
Evelyn Bell
Diane Bowman
Katherine Carlin
Sally Clevenger

Beth Coble
Max Cole
Barbara Conley
Joe Crouch
Lowell Dobbs

Janice Drudge
Lowell Druley
Gary Earnhart
Robert Griffith
Patsy Horn

Jack Keener
Karen Kinney
Brent Leifer
Ronald Mast
Janet McConnell

Katy Miller
Stewart Miller
Sharon Moe
Alma Morrison
David Mowrey

Stanley Pequignot
Becky Pletcher
Marco Regenos
Jerry Rosbrugh
John Rutherford

Bonnie Shepherd
Donna Shepherd
Lorwill Stump
Iona Walls
Buddy Walls

Larry Williamson
Dale Wine
Karen Winsley
Bob Wolfe
Larry Workman

NOT PICTURED IN HIGH SCHOOL
AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS

none

JUNIORS

none

SOPHOMORES

Virginia Burke

FRESHMEN

Donna Grubbs

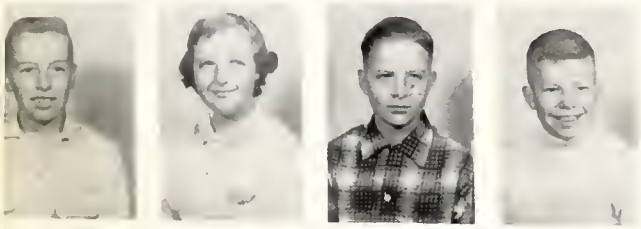
EIGHTH GRADE

Connie Grubbs
Patty LaLone
Paul Wiseman

SEVENTH GRADE

Bill Akers
Susan Beebe
Tom Brygider
Janice Cutler
Lowell Howard
Madelin Marsh
Maria Martinez
Freida Nutter
Judy Reed
Mary Alice Sievers
Karen Sleighter
Judy Tenney

...SIXTH...



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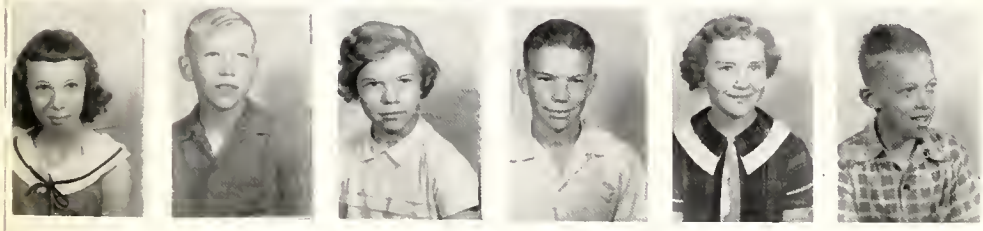

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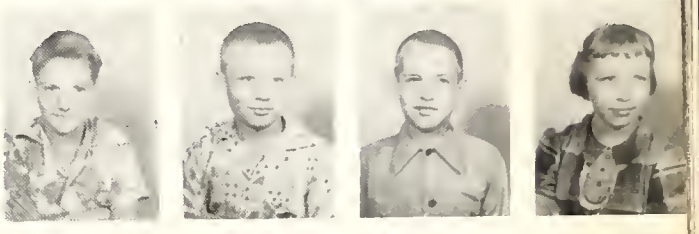

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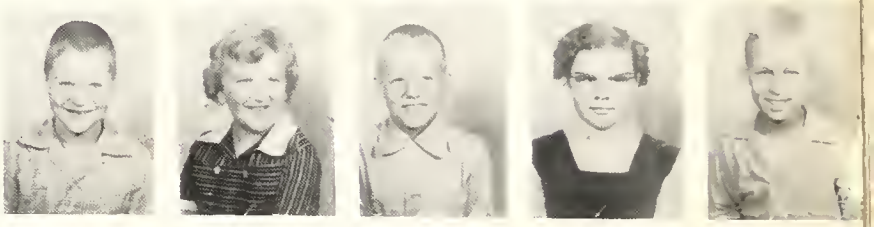

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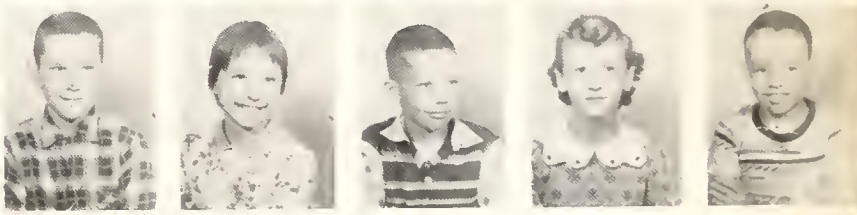

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Larry Stevens

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Junior Richmond
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Manis Miller
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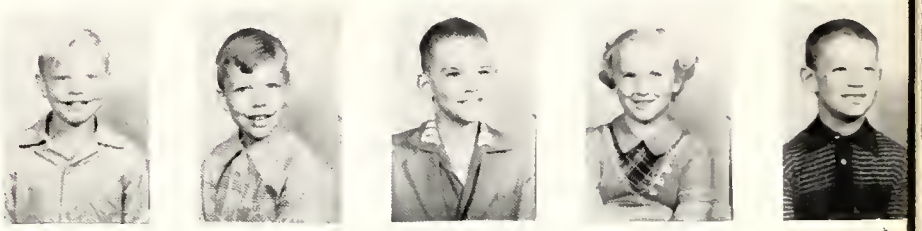

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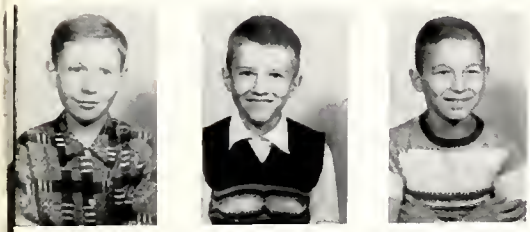

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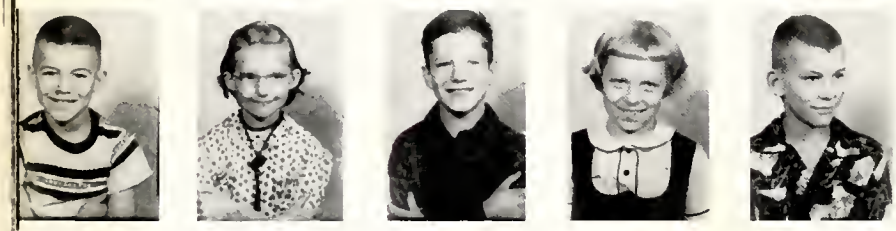

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Joann Scott
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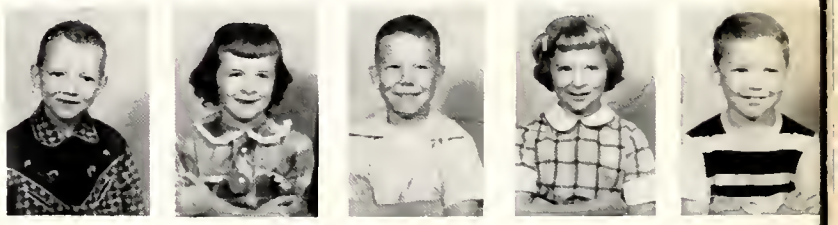

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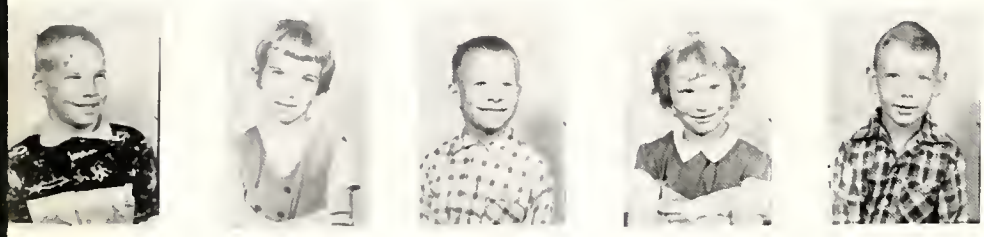

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Jimmy Scott
Judy Williamson
Chester Zorn
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Michael Miner

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Mark Hubbart
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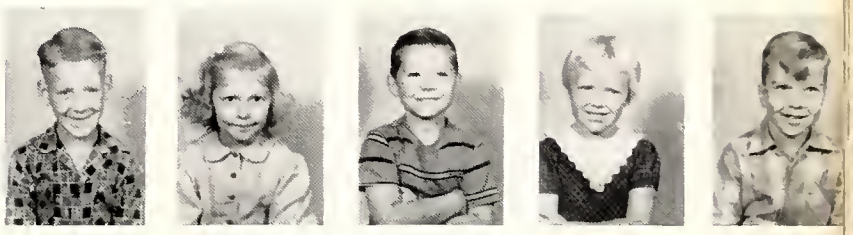

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Delpha Helfrick

Clinton Pletcher
Judy Herr
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Diana Williams
Junior Heintzelman

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SPORTS

.....MORE HAPPY TIMES
HEARTY PLAY, AND AN OPPORTUNITY
TO WORK TOGETHER HERE AT PIERCETON HIGH SCHOOL
WHETHER SPECTATOR OR PARTICIPANT,
WATCH CAREFULLY, PLAY CAREFULLY, AND LEARN WELL;
FOR WE WILL NEED OUR AGILE BODIES AND KEEN MINDS
IN LATER CREATING THE BETTER THINGS
THIS YOUNGER GENERATION **IS** COMING TO.

...TRACK 1955

Row I Dick Slusher, Tim Derf, Allen Gebert, Jim Watters, Darrel Mort, Cecil Kissinger, Richard Williamson, Bert Gebert
Row II John Slusher, Dave Zimmerman, Jack Sellers, Terry Faris Rex Rhinehart
Row III Jim Rutherford, Roger Conley, Jim Stouffer, Coach Burt Niles

April 1	Pierceton	89 1/6
	Larwill	18 1/3
	Leesburg	7 1/2
April 6	Huntington	73 1/2
	Pierceton	51
	South Whitley	24 1/2
	La Fontaine	0
April 13	Pierceton	72 3/10
	Sidney	26 7/10
	North Webster	16
April 15	Pierceton	92 1/2
	Jefferson Ct.	41 1/2
	Chester	23
April 19	Pierceton	65 5/6
	Syracuse	36
	South Whitley	18 1/6
April 26	Pierceton	94
	Atwood	21
	Claypool	0
May 6	Warsaw	75 1/3
	Pierceton	33 2/3
County Meet		
	Pierceton	81 1/2
	Syracuse	32
Converse Relays		
	Pierceton	Third

Taking on a heavy schedule during the 1955 season the Pierceton Thinlies proved that they could very well handle it, as they won every meet but two regularly scheduled ones. The Cubs also placed third in the Converse Relays for the second year in a row, and the big highlight of the season for the Cubs was when they scored 81 1/2 points to take the County Meet for the second year in a row. The nearest team was Syracuse with 32 points.

Pierceton started out with a win in the first meet but then they were defeated by Huntington in the second outing. The Cubs shook off that defeat and went on to victory in every meet until the Warsaw meet. In this meet the Cubs were minus their ace dash man and broad jumper, Jim Stouffer.

Some very outstanding individual records were recorded during the 1955 season. Farris had a leap of 5 ft. 9 3/4 in. in high jump; A. Gebert had a put in shot of better than 43 ft.; J. Stouffer was timed in the 220 at 22.9 (this time was recorded in his first heat race of sectional).

In the County Meet, Pierceton scored in every event and had two double winners. Tim Derf was the "iron Man" as he won both the mile and half mele. Stouffer won both the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and also placed second in the broad jump.

...JR-HI TRACK

Pierceton	49
Sidney	34
Pierceton	75 1/2
Sidney	31 1/2
North Webster	14
Pierceton	71 2/3
Syracuse	18 1/3
County Meet	
Pierceton	40
Silver Lake	29
Etna Green	27

In the 1955 track season you couldn't overlook the Pierceton Jr. High Thinlies as they recaptured the County Jr. High Track title. They won every meet they were in but the Land of the Lakes Meet held at Warsaw. Don Arms was the big factor in most meets usually winning between four and five events. In the County Meet the Cubs were sweating it out until the last relay was over. The Cubs were leading by one half point. Silver Lake could have won the meet by winning the last relay, but didn't place. It was an ideal day for a track meet.

Four records were broken, two of them by Don Arms. He started the day breaking the 100 yd. dash record, he then broke the 440 yd. dash record by more than 2 seconds.

With these new recruits coming on, the P.H.S. track squad will be the team to beat for several years.

Row I Bill Kain, Jim Werstler, Max Spann, Devon Faulkner, John McFarren, Junior Howard, Max Elder (center)

Row II Wendall Walls, Terry Cole, Coach Dick Reed, Donald Arms, Ted Long, Alfred Plew, Lynn Pletcher

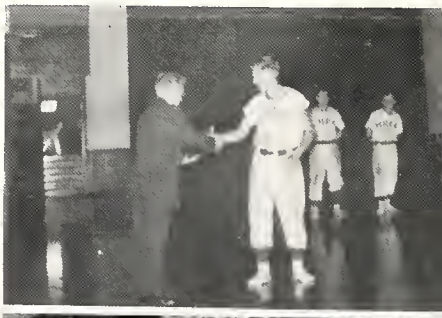
... BASEBALL

Row I Jack Horn, Tim Derf, Tom Kilgore, Rex Slusher, Dick Slusher, Rex Rhinehart, Jim Watters, Paul Smith

Row II Opie Parker, Bert Gebert, Jim Warner, Dave Walsh, Dave Zimmerman, Coach Rothgeb, Max Jones, Bob Tenney, Roger Leedy, Kenny Fawley, Dwight Walgamuth

CUB'S SCOREBOARD

Pierceton 8; Etna Green 5
Pierceton 14; Sidney 6
Pierceton 9; Beaver Dam 0
Pierceton 11; Silver Lake 4
Pierceton 6; Leesburg 2
Pierceton 11; Mentone 1
Pierceton 2; Milford 1
Pierceton 10; Atwood 2
Pierceton 8; Syracuse 1
Pierceton 7; No. Webster 0
*Pierceton 9; Claypool 0
*This game was a forfeit.



After three years of trying it finally happened! The Pierceton Cubs took the County Baseball Title. The Cubs were in the final game two years straight and were defeated both times. Then this year things were changed; the team which compiled the best record after playing every team in the county was declared the County Champs. The Cubs showed no mercy and defeated every team they played, while the closest team to them lost two games—one of which was to the Cubs. Mr. Rothgeb, Pierceton's coach, before the season began said he had one goal in mind and that was winning the baseball title. Scoring almost 100 runs in the eleven ballgames showed that the team meant business.

It was the last game for seven seniors when they played North Webster and defeated them 7 to 0. The seniors were Tim Derf, the Cubs' pitcher who won nine ballgames and lost none, and also batted .600; Dick Slusher, who played first base and batted .500; Tom Kilgore, who played a very excellent third base; Paul Smith, who played left field and batted .288; Bert Gebert who played left field and center field and batted .323; Dwight Walgamuth, who played right field and batted .275; Jim Watters, who broke his leg after playing five games, won one game as a pitcher and batted .255. The Cubs will have only three returning regulars back next year. They are, Kenny Fawley, the Cubs' regular catcher; Jack Horn, the second baseman; Opie Parker, the shortstop.

Injuries plagued the team all seasor with Jim Watters being the first, he broke his leg, then Opie Parker was spiked in the knee by a player sliding into second base. Tom Kilgore twisted his ankle, the one he broke during the summer sliding into second base, then Dick Slusher cracked his ankle going into third base.

Kenneth Fawley
catcher

Dwight Walgamuth
right fielder

Bert Gebert
center fielder

Paul Smith
left fielder

Jack Horn
second baseman

Dick Slusher
first baseman

Tom Kilgore
third baseman

Jim Watters
pitcher

Tim Derf
pitcher

Opie Parker
shortstop

BASEBALL TEAMS SEE MAJOR LEAGUER

Forty-eight boys, including the boys who played summer baseball, the Pony Leaguers, and everyone who sold five dollars worth of baseball booster tickets took a trip to Chicago on September tenth to see the Cubs play the Cincinnati Redlegs.

...BASKETBALL

Opponent	We	They
Leesburg	30	44
Syracuse	67	63
Columbia City	48	37
Milford	55	54
South Whitley	60	65
Warsaw	50	58
Silver Lake	64	46
Mentone	58	47
4-Way Tourney		
Manchester	46	39
South Whitley	72	62
Etna Green	65	50
County Tourney		
Webster	76	65
Leesburg	65	52
Mentone	73	55
North Manchester	62	55
Chester Twp.	80	68
Claypool	86	45
Sidney	72	41
North Webster	74	55
Akron	78	64
Albion	56	50
Sectional		
Columbia City	63	49
Etna Green	75	46
Warsaw	55	61

Coach Burt Niles, John Slusher, Rex Slusher, Dick Slusher, Tim Derf, Estil Kissinger, Arden Leiter, Jim Watters, Bob Tenney, Jack Horn, Rex Mort

Burt Niles, the Cubs' coach, last year stated that this year would be the year, and he was right! But things didn't look very bright after losing three out of the first six games. However, then the Cubs caught hold and went on to have one of the best seasons in a long time here at Pierceton. The saying goes that good things come in threes. Well, that has happened this year, starting just after Christmas with winning a four-way tourney at Manchester. The second thing was winning the county tourney in January, the first since 1944. The final thing was winning twenty games for the first time in many years.

Warsaw ended Pierceton's season in the sectional by a score of 61-55. It was the second time that Warsaw had beaten the Cubs, the first time being just before Christmas. The Warsaw defeat ended a 17 game winning streak for Pierceton.

The success of the team came with a lot of hard work and good team work by every one. Nobody was a standout as far as being high point man every time, as just about everyone figured in that department.

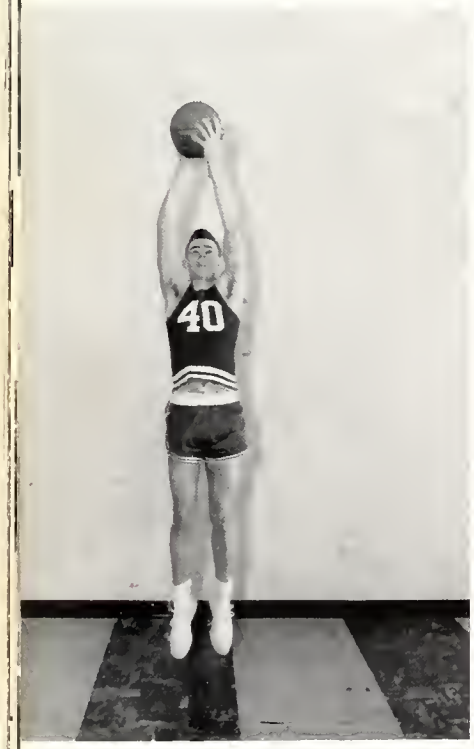
At the end of the season Jim Watters was elected honorary captain by the entire tourney squad, thus ending a very successful season.

MEET THE

Arden Leiter
Sophomore
Wt. 145
Height 5-10

Jim Watters
Senior
Wt. 160
Height 5-9

Jack Horn
Sophomore
Wt. 135
Height 5-9



Estil Kissinger
Junior
Wt. 145
Height 5-10

John Slusher
Junior
Wt. 165
Height 6-1

VARSITY

Bob Tenney
Junior
Wt. 160
Height 5-9

Rex Mort
Senior
Wt. 120
Height 5-6

Tim Derf
Senior
Wt. 150
Height 5-11

Dick Slusher
Senior
Wt. 175
Height 6-0

Rex Slusher
Sophmore
Wt. 165
Height 5-11

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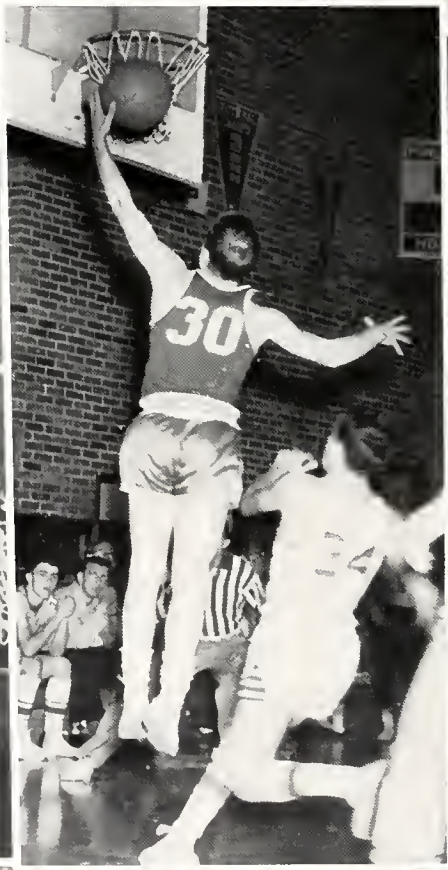
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... TRACK

Row I Manager Paul Smith, Bill Barnhart, Don Arms, Rex Mort, Richard Williamson, Cecil Kissinger, Rex Rhinehart, Dwight Walgamuth
Row II Rex Slusher, Jim Watters, Coach Burt Niles, Bert Gebert, John Slusher, Tim Derf, David Zimmerman, Jim Hackbirth, Dick Slusher, Estil Kissinger

The Pierceton Thinlies made possible a clean sweep of all the county titles this year, the first time in Pierceton's history. It was one of the most successful seasons ever enjoyed by a Pierceton track team. Besides winning the county title, they also won the sectional, a feat never before accomplished by the Cubs. They placed second in the Converse Relays. The Cubs might have taken the relays if a baton would not have been dropped in one of the races. This track meet was the only meet the Cubs lost besides the regional, where they failed to place.

Several school records were broken this year, including both relays. Derf broke the half mile record in the sectional meet with a time of 2:05.7. Dick Slusher broke the shot put record with a heave of 44 ft. 5 1/2 in. The mile relay team composed of Arms, Rhinehart, J. Slusher, and Derf set a school record with a time of 3:44.1. The half mile relay team also set a record with a time of 1:37.45, this team being composed of D. Slusher, Watters, R. Slusher, and Gebert. Gebert had two times under the school record in the 100 yd. dash, but both times a wind was at his back or side.

Derf and Gebert had a lot to do with winning both the county and sectional titles. In the county, Derf was a double winner, taking both the mile and half mile, while Gebert took the broad jump, and both dashes. In the sectional, Derf won the half mile in record breaking time and Gebert won the 100, tying the sectional record in this event. These were the only individual events Pierceton qualified in for the regional meet.

The track team for next season will be greatly affected by the loss of eight seniors, but even so PHS will be looking toward its fourth consecutive championship.

Pierceton	86
Claypool	5
Pierceton	61 3/4
Larwill	29 3/4
Pierceton	90 4/5
Leesburg	10 8/15
Silver Lake	29 2/3
Pierceton	69 1/2
Chester	35 1/2
Jefferson Center	31
Pierceton	86 1/2
Mentone	30
Beaver Dam	9 1/2
Pierceton	63 2/5
Syracuse	48
South Whitley	23 3/5
Converse Relays	
Sweetzer	40
Pierceton	36
Pierceton	81 3/4
Sidney	37 1/2
Milford	11 3/4
County	
Pierceton	67
Syracuse	43
Silver Lake	25 1/2
Sectional	
Pierceton	26
Huntington	22

100 AND 200 YARD DASH AND BROADJUMP

Bertis Gebert
Top Point Winner

DISTANCE RUNNER

Tim Derf
Regional and School Record in Half-mile 2:05.7

HALF-MILE RELAY TEAM

D.Slusher, J.Watters, R.Slusher, B.Gebert

New School Record 1:37.45

MILE RELAY TEAM

J.Slusher, R.Rhinehart, D.Arms, T.Derf, not pictured

New School Record 3:44.1

B-TEAM

Ken Fawley, Roger Leedy, Opie Parker, David Zimmerman, Max Jones, Rex Rhinehart, David Walsh, Donald Boggs, Bill Barnhart, Dick Cole

Opponent	We	They
Leesburg	59	22
Syracuse	39	47
Columbia City	31	26
Milford	58	36
South Whitley	49	37
Warsaw	43	41
Silver Lake	49	32
Mentone	28	24
Etna Green	39	26
North Manchester	48	32
4-Way Tourney		
Claypool	42	35
Chester Twp.	31	26
Chester Twp.	61	38
Claypool	58	29
Sidney	50	32
North Webster	37	40
Akron	31	32
Albion	60	34

FROSH

Opponent	We	They
Bourbon	28	18
Syracuse	27	23
Huntington	27	43
Chester Twp.	35	26
North Manchester	18	19
Warsaw	27	37
Columbia City	47	52
South Whitley	26	35
Concordia of Fort Wayne	25	54
4-Way Tourney		
Concordia of Fort Wayne	20	44
Columbia City	41	40
Ligonier	30	28
Akron	39	31
Albion	41	32

Row I Bill Kain, Max Spann, Alfred Plew, John McFarren, Terry Cole, Tom Kilgore, manager

Row II Jim Werstler, Devon Faulkner, Ted Long, Donald Arms, Lynn Pletcher, Wendel Walls, Coach Marvin Heaton

JR-HI BASKETBALL

Opponent	We	They
South Whitley	45	26
Leesburg	54	25
4-Way Tourney		
Columbia City	37	56
Wolf Lake	36	31
Columbia City	34	48
County Tourney		
East Wayne	52	16
Atwood	38	30
Beaver Dam	22	21
Etna Green	25	31

Row I Bob Wolf, Roger Albertson, Stanley Pequignot, Jerry Rosbrugh, Marc Regenos, Tom Brygider

Row II Gary Earnhart, Jack Harris, Joe Crouch, Dale Wine, Jack Keener, Robert Griffith, Brent Leifer

Row III Allan Anders, Marvin Galbreath, Mike Mosher, Bob Stump, Bob Cole, John Stouffer

Row IV George Alexander, Larry Walls, Arden Rhoades, Danny Walls, Bill Schaller, Claude Manuel

TRACK

Row I Jack Keener, Arden Rhoades, Bill Schaller, Danny Walls, Claude Manual

Row II Robert Griffith, John Stouffer, Joe Crouch, Dale Wine, Marvin Galbreath, Bob Stump, Tom Brygider

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ACTIVITIES

.....THE HAPPY TIMES
AND HEARTY LAUGHS THAT WILL STAY LONGEST
IN OUR MEMORIES OF PIERCETON HIGH SCHOOL.
ASSEMBLIES, DANCES, THE CLUBS, ... HAVE ALL
TAUGHT US TO LIKE BEING TOGETHER AND
CREATING TOGETHER. THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT
WILL HELP US IN LATER DEMOSTRATING THE BETTER THINGS
THIS YOUNGER GENERATION **IS** COMING TO.

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Seated Row I: Pat Walsh, Sue Henderson, Uldis Smidchens, Mrs. Jackson
Row I: Norma Henderson, Carol Snyder, Cynthia Wilson, Judy Stouffer, Marva Knoop, Pearl Widman, Jim Warner
Row II: Brent Widman, Larry Leedy, Dave Walsh, Phil McFarren, Jack Warner, Larry Cole, Norman Spangle

The Future Teachers of America sponsored a Good Citizenship Contest which was in progress during the latter two months of the school term. Two contests were held——one in the junior high and one in senior high. Medals were awarded to the four winners on Awards Day, May 22. Senior high winners were Bertis Gebert and Patricia Walsh, both seniors. Linda Caudill and David Mowrey captured the honors in junior high. The "Good Citizens" were selected on the basis of the qualities of participation, scholarship, cooperation, courtesy, personal conduct, sportsmanship, consideration, individuality, good moral character, and lastly the courage to act according to his beliefs and convictions.

The annual FTA round-up, which is sponsored by the Alpha Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma, was held this year at the Bourbon High School on Saturday, March 10. Four of our local club members; Uldis Smidchens, Larry Leedy, Norma Henderson, Pat Walsh, and two sorority members, Miss Yontz and Mrs. Fern Moe attended the meeting. The guest speaker was Dr. Nettie Leasure from Manchester College who gave a very interesting survey on the teacher shortage problem.

— September —

Sue and Normalee Henderson were hostesses for the formal initiation and installation of the FTA on September 27. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Stouffer in front of a table which was decorated with red and white gladiola with black accents, these being the FTA colors. The new members initiated were Cynthia Wilson, Brent Widman Jack Warner, Normalee Henderson, Sandra Salmon, Norman Spangle, Larry Leedy. Mrs. Arlene Jackson was installed as sponsor.

— October —

Carol Snyder was hostess to a weiner roast October 25. The members made plans for a senior delagation to be sent to Manchester College November 10 for the FTA Conference.

— November —

The FTA met at the home of Uldis Smidchens on November 29. Miss Carolyn Phillips, from Warsaw, presented slides which she had taken as an exchange student in Europe.

— December —

A Christmas party was held at the home of Pearl and Brent Widman. Refreshments and games were enjoyed by all.

— January —

Norman Spangle was host for the January 24 meeting. Mr. Leroy Hull spoke on the advantages of his campus, Indiana University.

— February —

The home of Pat and Dave Walsh was the scene of the February 28 FTA meeting. A "Good Citizenship" contest was planned. Colored slides of the western states and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

— March —

The FTA met at the home of Jim Warner on March 27. We enlarged our plans for the "Good Citizenship" contest, planning one each for Junior and Senior High. Medals were selected and committees appointed. Mr. Earl Craven, football coach at Taylor University, presented a delightful resume of life at Taylor and college life in general.

— April —

The home of Judy Stouffer was the scene of the April 23 FTA meeting. Officers elected for next year were Judy Stouffer, president and Jim Warner, vice-president. FTA pins were presented to the new members who were initiated last September. Mr. George Salen, from Purdue University, gave a very broad description of Purdue. This was the final meeting for the school year; however, plans were made for a summer meeting and a picnic at Long Lake.

... FHA

Seated Kay Leifer, Ina Van Dine, Judy Stouffer, Charlotte Steiner, Mrs. Vera Moe

Row I Rachael Shenefield, Bobbie Jo Leifer, Malveen Hill, Phyllis Williamson, Marilyn Slaymaker, Cynthia Wilson, Norma Henderson, Janet Smith, Judy Lee, Becky White

Row II Julia Camden, Cinda Webster, Janice Blanchard, Sandra Brubaker, Paula Casner, Pat Camden, Judy Snyder, Judith Brygider, Anna Jefferson

Row III Diane Gebert, Alice Buntain, Beth Rider, Jean Roberts, Pat Russell, Marlene Bennett, Marva Knoop, Barbara Slusher, Marilyn Werstler, Pat Alberts, Mary Kilgore, Charlene Tenny, Beverly Spangle, Carol Snyder, Sandra Kain

September

The Pierceton Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held their formal initiation on September 22, at the school building. Judy Stouffer, president, and her elected officers presided at the meeting. They formed a semi-circle behind a table draped in white and decorated with a centerpiece of red roses and white candles. Sixteen candidates were accepted into the organization raising the total membership to 40. The program for the evening consisted of a demonstration by Mrs. Ned Freeman on the making of artificial flowers from wood pulp.

October

New FHA members at their "rough" initiation weiner roast, October 20, served as slaves to the older members. The next day they appeared at school dressed as "future homemakers" attired in housecoats, rolled down nylons, bathing caps, and sporting signs advertising national FHA week on their backs.

November

Highlighting the program of the FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet, held November 3, was Miss Carolyn Phillips, an exchange student from Warsaw High School. She interested everyone with her colorful slides which she took during her stay in Bremen, Germany and on her tour of Italy. Accompanying these she gave a very wonderful narration.

January

The FHA dedicated their January meeting to the celebration of the 10th birthday of FHA in Indiana. Kay Leifer was hostess to the group who enjoyed games, dancing and a social evening. Cupcakes decked with red roses, the club flower, and fruit punch refreshed the group.

March

The FHA met at the home of Normalee Henderson March 23, for a business meeting and social evening. Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Ned Freeman who completed her demonstration on constructing artificial flowers.

April

The Pierceton FHA'ers held their annual progressive supper in connection with the election of new chapter officers, Thursday April 26. A very delicious meal was compiled as we progressed from home to home. Charlotte Steiner was elected president for next year with Kay Leifer assisting her as vice-president.

December

December 15, the FHA members went caroling at the Alfran Nursing Home singing the traditional Christmas carols. Cynthia Wilson entertained approximately thirty members at her home afterwards. A gift exchange and games were lead by Rachael Shenefield and Cynthia Wilson. The hostess served Christmas cookies, sandwiches, and fruit punch for refreshments.

February

A Valentine Sock Hop was the FHA's project for February. It was held after the North Webster ballgame, February 10. The music was furnished by the High School Dance Band.

April

April 14, nine members from our chapter attended the Spring District meeting at Bourbon, Indiana. Pierceton Chapter was in charge of registration. Sandra Brubaker retired as Vice-president of the Northwest District. Normalee Henderson and Sandra Salmon ran for district office for next year but neither were elected.

May

Formal installation of the new officers was held May 3, at the home of the outgoing president, Judy Stouffer. Plans are being made to send representatives Charlotte Steiner and Cynthia Wilson to the State Convention to be held at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis during June.

...FFA

Seated Row I: Richard Williamson, Jack Sellers, Rex Mort, Mr. Reed
Danny Christoffel, Lewis Williamson, Donavon Sellers, Brent Widman, Jim Hackbirth, Arden Leiter, Donald Boggs, Ken Fawley, Dick Cole, Martin Parker

Row II: Devon Sellers, Densel Keener, Norman Spangle, Luther Manuel, Calvin Carlin, Bill O'Dell, Ted Prescott, Roland Bowman, Allen Regnos, Jim Busz, Roger Leedy, Jack Warner

The Pierceton Future Farmers of America placed second at the annual county dairy judging contest held this year at the Stookey farm near Leesburg and the Smith farm located near Atwood.

The Pierceton chapter scored a total of 956 points out of a possible 1050, and 5 points behind the Syracuse chapter which had 961 points to capture first place. By winning second place the Pierceton chapter still won the honor of competing in the district contest held in the latter part of April.

The members of the Pierceton team are Jack Sellers, Rex Mort, Norman Spangle, and Calvin Carlin. Their agriculture teacher is Mr. Richard Reed who has sent a judging team to the district contest every year since he began teaching at Pierceton.

At the half-time interval of the Pierceton-Columbia City ballgame November 15, the Pierceton chapter of F.F.A. raffled off a 22½ pound turkey. This turkey was hand raised by the F.F.A'ers and proved to be quite a money-making project.

...PHLC

Seated Row I Darlene Sthal, Ruthene Howard, Carol Snyder, Mrs. Yontz Elaine Roberts, Gloria Wine, Janice Blanchard, Carolyn Conrad, Thelma Conley, Cora Bays

Although small in number the library club was one of the most active organizations in the school. In a quiet way the members managed to keep a semblance of order on book shelves and magazine racks. Each week the club met for an instructional laboratory period and every girl had detailed duties for each day of the week. In addition to those duties they prepared bulletin boards suggestive of seasonal reading. Their three special parties of the year were the Halloween initiation, a Christmas dinner party, and a spring picnic.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Seated Row I Mr. Rothgeb, Bertis Gebert, Larry Leedy, Judy Stouffer Gary Earnhart
Row II Judy Crouch, Max Spann, Jack Warner, Arden Leiter, Rex Rhinehart, Larry Cole, Alfred Plew, Paul Smith, Mike Mosher, Becky Pletcher

The student council is not a club. It is the representation of the upper six grades to solve student body problems and is a channel to the faculty in expressing the desires and opinions of the students.

The student council met September 15, and set up plans for the all-school party held October 19, featuring the freshman initiation.

An amendment was added to the constitution concerning the all-school party. It states that the first all-school party of the year will always be held on the third Wednesday in October from 7 to 9 in the gym.

The student council also sets up the standards for the election of the cheerleaders and of the basketball queen.

March 16, the student council solved the problem of distributing an approximate $300 fund to some school activity or group. Nine projects were presented before the entire student body in the form of a ballot to obtain the sentiments of the students. The Playground Fund and the Athletic Department, combined, received $70 with which a protable basketball goal was purchased. This goal is adjustable in height so that the lower grade students will benefit from it in the use on the outside asphalt courts. It will be used inside in the Athletic Department during the winter months. The other projects considered received the following amounts with which to purchase most-needed items in their respective departments: First Aid Room Equipment—$40; Music Department—$35; Annual Camera Fund—$35; Library Fund—$15 and $15 to the Biology and Science Departments.

SNAPSHOTTERS

Seated Pearl Widman, Dorothy Bowman, Carol Snyder

Row I Elaine Roberts, Malveen Hill, Gloria Wine, Norma Henderson, Sandra Brubaker, Janice Blanchard, Jean Roberts, Charlene Tenny, Judy Snyder, Paula Casner, Bobbie Leifer, Cindy Webster, Thelma Conley, Susie Galbreath, Charlotte Steiner.

Row II Pat Camden, Kay Leifer, Beverly Spangle, Marlene Bennett, Barbara Slusher, Brent Widman, Larry Leedy, Norman Spangle, Larry Cole, Denton Habbeggar, Pat Alberts, Cynthia Wilson, Marva Knoop, Alice Buntain, Beth Rider.

Row I Mr. Nelson, Sue Henderson, Sandra Brubaker
Row II Barbara Drudge, Pearl Widman, Pat Walsh, Bert Gebert, Uldis Smidchens, Dorothy Bowman, Anita Outcelt, Paul Smith, Denyse Bolt
Row III Rachael Shenefield, Marilyn Werstler, Kay Leifer, Bob Tenney, Brent Widman, Normalee Henderson, Judy Stouffer

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Paul Smith
Art Editor

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Row I Mrs. Nichols, Judy Stouffer, Phillip McFarren, Sandra Brubaker, Bert Gebert

Row II Thelma Conley, Judith Brygider, Cynthia Wilson, Carol Snyder, Anita Outcelt, Marilyn Slaymaker, Norma Henderson, Rachael Shenefield, Ina Van Dine

Row III Judy Lee, Kay Leifer, Marva Knoop, Rex Rhinehart, Ken Fawley, Paul Smith, Charlotte Steiner

THE LITTLE DOG LAUGHED

Laurie Huntington.....Anita Outcelt
Sidney Huntington.....Larry Cole
Martha Huntington.....Dorothy Bowman
Wally Huntington.....Paul Smith
Miss ("Gus") Gustavesky.....Sue Henderson
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Ted Wood.....Larry Leedy
Lillian Wood.....Ruthene Howard
Mark Bradford.....Tom Kilgore
Horatio P. Honeywell.....Uldis Smidchens
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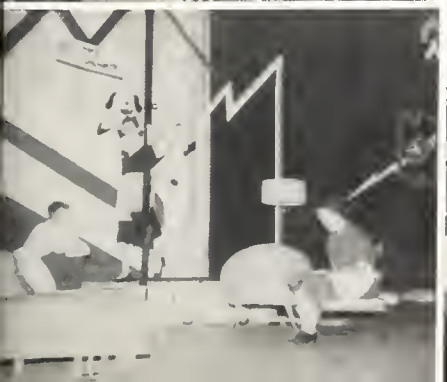

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Dean Gillingham.....Uldis Smidchens
Professor Michaels.....Larry Leedy
Sylvia.....Ruthene Howard
Bunny.....Marilyn Slaymaker
Helen.....Pat Walsh
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Jack.....Norman Spangle
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...BAND

Row I Charlotte Steiner, Robert Cole, Joan Smith, George Alexander, Norma Henderson, Judy Crouch, Linden Boggs, Garry Earnhart, Barbara Drudge, Mr. Freeland

Row II Rebecca White, Rachael Shenefield, Jack Beebe, Danny Christoffel, Phyllis Williamson, Janice Cutler, Judy Stouffer, Sharon Moe, Bobbie Jo Leifer, Janet Danner, Linda Caudill, Janet Smith, Ina Van Dine

Row III Cynthia Wilson, Carolyn Conrad, Diane Gebert, Anita Outcelt, Linda Steffen, Sue Henderson, Charlene Tenney, Marilyn Slaymaker, Jean Roberts, Kay Leifer, Jo Ann Whitehead, Sandra Kain, Rojean Haas, Judith Brygider, Patsy Custer

Row IV David Walsh, Bill Conrad, Rosalie Hartman, Pearl Widman, Brent Widman, Jack Warner, Dwight Walgamuth, Max Jones, David Zimmerman, Tom Kilgore, Lynn Pletcher, Pat Walsh, Jim Warner, Mary Helen Kilgore, Sandra Brubaker

Under the direction of Mr. Ed Freeland, the Pierceton High School Band started the summer of "55" by marching at the annual Mermaid Festival at North Webster and the County Fair Parade.

For the second event of the year the band participated in the second annual High School Band Day at Purdue University, September 24. One hundred and thirty three bands, composed of 6,200 students presented the half time show at the foot ball game between College of the Pacific and the Boilermakers. Preparations were started for the fall concert, set for November 4.

On March 4, the band was very proud to have received a superior rating at district contest and then to advance to the state contest at which they received an excellent rating.

The County Band Festival at Warsaw on April 20 was one of the activities the band enjoyed very much. A couple of the selections were "Hoosier Schoolmaster" and "Springtime Festival". Ending the bands schedule for the year, they presented a spring concert on May 10.

Barbara Drudge
Patsy Custer
Cynthia Wilson
Sandra Brubaker
Charlotte Steiner

BAND ACQUIRES DRUM MAJOR

"Band Attention" might ring in your ears as you pass the practice field some fifth period. David Walsh, a junior, at Pierceton is the new drum major of the high school band. During the summer of "55", he attended Smith Walbridge Drum Majorette Camp at Syracuse, where he acquired this skill.

...PEP BAND

Row I Pearl Widman, Marilyn Slaymaker, Diane Gebert, Rosalie Hartman, Lynn Pletcher, Tom Kilgore
Row II Max Jones Kay Leifer, Dwight Walgamuth, Pat Walsh

Have you noticed the new spirit of our cheering section brought about by the addition of a pep band? They played at all the games and the county tourney. This group of musicians were a great asset to the winning of the county basketball tournament.

A very humorous half-time skit was presented at the last home game. During the performance the members were dressed in funny and unique costumes. They played the ever famous "When the Saints Go Marching In" and concluded with the high school songs.

...CHOIR

Row I Charlotte Steiner, Ina Van Dine, Judith Brygider, Phyllis Williamson, Sandra Brubaker, Sue Henderson, Paul Smith, Denton Habegger, Jim Warner, Brent Widman

Row II Normalee Henderson, Judy Stouffer, Pearl Widman, Denyse Bolt, Pat Walsh, David Walsh, Tom Kilgore, Charles Fox, Dwight Walgamuth

Row III Anita Outcelt, Marilyn Slaymaker, Marlene Bennett, Marva Knoop, Dorothy Bowman, Mr. Freeland, David Zimmerman, Max Jones, Dick Slusher, Tim Derf

The Pierceton High School Choir appeared many times in public this year in concert, Methodist Church programs, and contests.

The spring concert highlighted the season. The choir was beautifully adorned in their new gray robes with red satin stoles. The funds from a penny supper, sponsored by the Band Boosters, provided these new robes. The presentation of the Arion award was made at this concert. Mr. Fred Snyder this year made the presentation of this choral honor to Senior Pat Walsh.

Barbara Drudge

Norman Spangle

Sandra Brubaker

CHEEE LEADERS

Bobbie Jo Leifer

Barbara Slusher

Phyllis Williamson

The Pierceton High School varsity cheerleaders were Sandra Brubaker, Barbara Drudge, Norman Spangle. They all worked very hard to make this year a successful one for the team. At the county tourney, they made red and white shakers, formed a cheering block and had a large hoop made. This hoop was used for the boys to run through as they entered the playing floor. We believe these three people deserve a great deal of praise for their long and diligent work.

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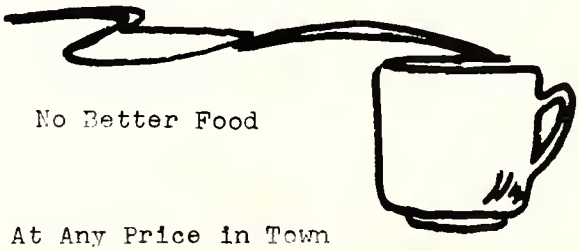

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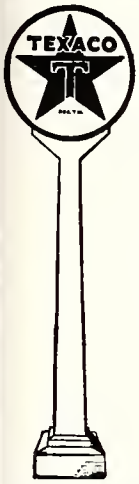

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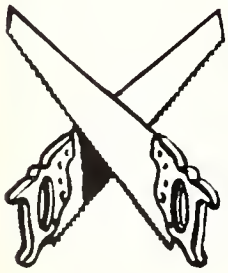

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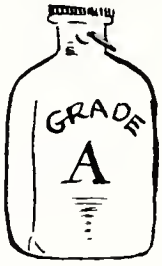

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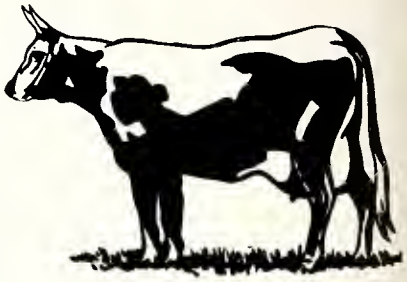

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